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SUBJECT: UNESCO: MEETING OF EXPERTS ON RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE

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1. WE MET MORNING JAN 9 WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY'S BARON DE SELYS AND MME. PINT, JUST BACK FROM JAN 8TH UN EXPERTS MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG, AND MADE PRESENTATION ALONG LINES REFTEL. THEY WERE APPRECIATIVE OF CLEAR EXPOSITION OF US POSITION - ESPECIALLY POINT THAT US WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN JAN 26-30 PARIS MEETING BECAUSE OF LINKAGE WITH "DECADE AGAINST RACISM" (REFTEL, PARA 2). THEY OPINED US POSITION WAS NOT WELL UNDERSTOOD BY EXPERTS AT LUXEMBOURG MEETING.

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2. THEY TOLD US THAT EC-9 UNESCO EXPERTS MEETING CONSENSUS

WAS TO RECOMMEND TO EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS, WHO MEET JAN 19, THAT EC-9 MEMBER STATES ATTEND JAN 26-30 PARIS MEETING PROVIDED THAT UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW COULD GIVE "ASSURANCES" THAT ZIONISM/RACISM ISSUE WOULD NOT ARISE. THEY SAID THIS EXPERTS' RECOMMENDATION DID NOT BECOME FIRM EC-9 EXPERTS' RECOMMENDATION UNTIL PASSAGE OF TWO WORKING DAYS (FRIDAY, 9TH AND MONDAY, 12TH) DURING WHICH TIME EXPERTS CHECK OUT RECOMMENDATIONS AT RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTRIES AND THEN INFORM EC-9 PRESIDENT, LUXEMBOURG.

3. DE SELYS TOLD US HE WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF EC-9 EXPERTS' FORMULA, DOUBTING WHETHER DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW WOULD BE ABLE TO COME ACROSS WITH VALID ASSURANCES THAT ZIONISM/RACISM WOULD NOT ARISE. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE UP BOTH EXPERTS' RECOMMENDATION AND US POSITION WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL DAVIGNON JAN 12 WHEN LATTER RETURNS FROM KINSHASA. FIRESTONE

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